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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2010, please enter the following Amendment and Response. Applicant has filed herewith a Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.132, a Petition for an Extension of Time, and a Request for Continued Examination.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.